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TAGS: MARR, ID, VS  
SUBJECT:POSSIBLE INDONESIAN WITHDRAWAL FROM ICCS

FROM ACTING SECRETARY

1. ON BASIS OF CONVERSATION WITH FONMIN MALIK, AMBASSADOR  
NEWSOM REPORTS THERE IS SERIOUS POSSIBILITY INDONESIANS  
WILL WITHDRAW FROM ICCS, POSSIBLY WITHIN NEXT FEW DAYS.  
SUHARTO AND HIS SENIOR MILITARY ADVISORS APPARENTLY LEAN  
TO BELIEF THAT THE PARIS AGREEMENT IS BECOMING SERIOUSLY  
UNRAVELLED AND THAT IN THOSE CIRCUMSTANCES INDONESIANS CAN  
NO LONGER PLAY A USEFUL AND "HONORABLE" ROLE.

2. NEWSOM HAS MADE DEMARCHE TO MALIK STRESSING OUR CON-  
TINUED BELIEF THAT THE ICCS REMAINS A KEY ELEMENT IN OUR  
HOPES FOR PREVENTING A RETURN TO ALL-OUT WARFARE AND PRO-  
MOTING EVENTUAL STABILIZATION AND SETTLEMENT. HE ALSO  
STRESSED THAT THERE ARE GOOD PROSPECTS OF HOLDING DOWN THE

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LEVEL OF HOSTILITIES AND THAT SUSPENSION OF THE GVN/PRG

TALKS IN PARIS AND IN THE TPJMC IS NOT DEFINITIVE AND DOES NOT NECESSARILY MEAN A COMPLETE DISRUPTION OF EFFORTS TOWARD STABILIZATION. IN RESPONSE TO QUESTION BY NEWSOM, MALIK SAID HE THOUGHT IT WOULD BE USEFUL FOR SENIOR U.S. EXPERT ON INDOCHINA AND ICCS TO COME TO JAKARTA FROM WASHINGTON TO EXCHANGE VIEWS WITH MALIK AND HIS ADVISORS. MALIK WELCOMED IDEA. NEWSOM RECOMMENDS TO US THAT EITHER

SEARNS OR ALDRICH COME TO INDONESIA FOR THIS PURPOSE FOLLOWING MALIK'S RETURN TO JAKARTA ON MAY 23.

3. BASED ON NEWSOM'S RECOMMENDATIONS, WE PROPOSE A MESSAGE FROM YOU TO MALIK EXPRESSING APPRECIATION OF INDONESIA'S DIFFICULT BUT CONSTRUCTIVE ROLE IN THE ICCS AND STATING OUR VIEW THAT THE ICCS REMAINS A HIGHLY IMPORTANT ELEMENT IN OUR CONTINUING EFFORTS TOWARD PEACE IN INDOCHINA AND SOUTHEAST ASIA (SUGGESTED TEXT IS BEING TRANSMITTED BY SEPTTEL).

4. WE BELIEVE MESSAGE FROM YOU TO MALIK WILL PREVENT ANY PRECIPITATE DECISION BY GOI AND GIVE US TIME TO PREPARE CASE TO BE PRESENTED TO MALIK BY DEPT OFFICIAL. STEARNS IS DEEPLY ENGAGED IN HEARINGS ON FY 1975 AID LEVELS BUT COULD MAKE TRIP IF YOU THINK IT IMPORTANT FOR HIM TO GO. ALDRICH EXPECTS TO BE TIED UP IN PREPARATIONS FOR PHILIPPINE ECONOMIC NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN NOW AND ABOUT JUNE 1, AT WHICH POINT SULLIVAN WANTS HIM IN MANILA. HE MIGHT BE ABLE TO STOP FIRST IN JAKARTA, BUT ONLY ABOUT JUNE 1. ALTERNATIVELY, WE COULD ASK GRAHAM MARTIN TO GO DOWN TO SEE MALIK FROM SAIGON.

5. WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR REACTION TO FOREGOING. RUSH

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